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Two Long-Term Deputies Retire

35 Years of Combined Service to Frederick County

FREDERICK, Md. (Jan. 1, 2021) – Two long-term deputies with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) recently retired from the force. **Sgt. Curtis Pierce**, Property Crimes supervisor, and **Deputy 1st Class Stephanie Kelley**, Internet Crimes Against Children detective, completed a combined 35 years of service on Dec. 31.

"The retirements of Sgt. Pierce and Detective Kelly will leave a huge void of both experience and working knowledge within our Criminal Investigation Unit and the agency as a whole," said Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. "Sgt. Pierce has enjoyed a very successful career with perhaps the most notable portion of his career as an outstanding School Resource Officer, where he not only excelled in that law enforcement assignment but went above and beyond by mentoring and coaching high school students in football and baseball.

"Detective Kelly was a very quiet but effective leader as a senior deputy in patrol operations for many years, along with her role as an agency instructor. As a criminal investigator, she developed and honed her skills in the arena of cyber-crimes against children where she distinguished herself as nothing short of phenomenal in that field of investigations. Both deputies served the citizens of Frederick County with distinction and dedication and are moving on to other well-deserved career opportunities."

After serving for eight years in the active duty U.S. Navy, Pierce joined the FCSO in January 2006 as a patrol deputy. In 2009, he became a FCSO school resource officer at Frederick High School and in 2012, he received an assignment to the Narcotics Investigation Section. He obtained the ranks of corporal in 2016 and subsequently sergeant in 2018 where he received his assignment to the Criminal Investigation Section, Property Crimes Unit.

Pierce is active in the community serving as a youth baseball coach, assistant varsity football coach at Frederick, Brunswick, and Governor Thomas Johnson High Schools, junior varsity baseball coach at Frederick High School, and assistant club volleyball coach at Frederick Volleyball Club. Additionally, Pierce served on the Police Activity League board as the FCSO representative. His awards and decorations include the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Outstanding Investigative Effort Award in 2017; the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 2016; Outstanding Performance Awards for 2016, 2014, and 2010; the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce Unit Achievement Award in 2015; and the Lifesaving Award in 2007. After his retirement from the FCSO, Pierce will be the Carroll County Public School Coordinator of School Security.

Kelley joined the FCSO in 2000 and started as a patrol deputy. Quickly recognizing her talents, leadership appointed her as a certified crisis negotiator able to handle critical incidents. Additionally, she served as an evidence technician, supervising crime scenes for the purpose of evidence collection. Kelley earned the rank of deputy 1st class in 2002. In 2014, she became part of the Criminal Investigations Division team and in 2019; she represented the FCSO as a member of the Frederick County Cyber Crimes Taskforce, specifically as a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children team.

She is the first female in the history of the Frederick City Police Academy to receive the Academic Award of Excellence and in fact is the first female to receive any award from this police academy. In 2004, she became a Maryland Police Training Commission (MPTC) certified instructor and in 2008, a MPTC Defensive Tactics certified instructor, the only female Defense Tactics instructor in the FCSO for nine years. Kelley has been a guest speaker for the Frederick County Public Schools "1 in 4 Conference" presenting on child sexual exploitation and pornography and served as a case study presenter at the Maryland Children's Alliance's 14th Annual mid-Atlantic Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect. She is the recipient of multiple FCSO Outstanding Performance awards and Unit citations. Upon her retirement, Kelley will be working for the state of Maryland.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosherriff.com for more information.

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